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SUBJECT: CCMS: EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PILOT STUDY
PROPOSAL

SUMMARY: ON APRIL 27-28, 1978, FOURTEEN EXPERTS
FROM 7 NATIONS (FRANCE, THE NETHERLANDS, FRG,
PORTUGAL, ITALY, CANADA, AND THE US) ATTENDED THE CCMS
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) PLANNING MEETING IN
WIESBADEN. PARTICIPANTS DEVELOPED PILOT STUDY PROPOSAL
WHICH, IF APPROVED, WILL BE PURSUED BY CCMS IN COLLABORATION
WITH THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION (WHO). ACTION
REQUESTED: AS INDICATED IN PARA 3. END SUMMARY.

1. PARTICIPANTS IN THE APRIL 27-28 EMS PLANNING
MEETING DEVELOPED THE FOLLOWING PROPOSAL: CCMS IN
COLLABORATION WITH THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION
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PROPOSES TO UNDERTAKE A PILOT STUDY TO IMPROVE THE
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PROVIDED TO CITIZENS
OF ALLIED AND OTHER NATIONS PARTICIPATING IN THE
STUDY. SUCH A PILOT STUDY WOULD HAVE AS ITS:

-- OBJECTIVE - TO COLLECT INFORMATION REGARDING EMS
PRACTICES/INSTITUTIONS IN NATO NATIONS, TO COMPARE AND

EVALUATE INFORMATION COLLECTED AS BASIS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS
TO IMPROVE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PROVIDED CITIZENS
OF THESE NATIONS.

-- WORK PROGRAM STRUCTURE -

- EMS SURVEY (CAN)
- ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT OF EMS SYSTEMS (US)
- EMS TRAINING (PORT)
- EMS TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATION (FRANCE)
- POISON CONTROL (ITALY)

THE EMS SURVEY WILL SERVE AS A MECHANISM FOR COLLECTING
BASIC DATA NEEDED FOR WORK IN THE OTHER FOUR PROJECT
AREAS, AS WELL AS INFORMATION ON A NUMBER OF OTHER
EMS TOPICS, INCLUDING THE ROLE OF THE PHYSICIAN
IN VARIOUS EMS SYSTEMS, TRANSPORTATION/COMMUNICATION
PLANNING FOR AIRPLANE/PORT DISASTERS, CURRENT EMS RESEARCH,
LEGISLATIVE BASIS FOR EMS SYSTEMS, ETC. FOLLOWING INITIAL
COLLECTION OF DATA SPECIALIZED WORKING GROUP MEETINGS
ARE PLANNED IN THE OTHER FOUR PROJECT AREAS.

2. OUTLINE OF WORK PROGRAM: PARTICIPANTS SUGGESTED
THAT THE PILOT STUDY BE DIVIDED INTO THE FOLLOWING
PROJECTS:

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I. EMS SURVEY

PURPOSE: TO COLLECT AND DISSEMINATE INFORMATION WHICH
MAY BE USED FOR PLANNING AND EVALUATION OF EMS SYSTEMS

OBJECTIVES: TO IDENTIFY CONTACTS, RESEARCH, AVAILABLE
DATA -- IN GENERAL AND AS RELATED TO SPECIFIC PROJECT
NEEDS.

-- TO PROVIDE MORE DETAILED INFORMATION FOR ON-GOING
RESEARCH PROJECTS AND AS NEEDED BY INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS
-- TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS HIGHLIGHTING FUTURE
RESEARCH NEEDS.

METHODOLOGY: ONE OR MORE QUESTIONNAIRES

II. ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT OF EMS SYSTEMS

-- PURPOSE: TO ESTABLISH CRITERIA FOR ORGANIZING AND
MANAGING NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL EMS PROGRAMS
AND A METHODOLOGY FOR EVALUATING THE EFFICIENCY/
EFFECTIVENESS OF THESE SYSTEMS.

-- OBJECTIVES: TO REVIEW LEGISLATION ESTABLISHING
NATIONAL EMS PROGRAMS

-- TO ESTABLISH GUIDELINES FOR EMS

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-- TRANSPORTATION

-- TRAINING

-- EVALUATION

III. EMS TRAINING

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PURPOSE: TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATE INFORMATION AND
TRAINING IN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES TO LARGEST
POSSIBLE SEGMENTS OF NATIONAL POPULATIONS.

OBJECTIVES: TO REVIEW EXISTING PROGRAMS AS A BASIS
FOR MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS WITH REGARD TO APPROPRIATE
LEVELS OF TRAINING FOR THE PUBLIC AND VARIOUS CATEGORIES
OF EMS PROFESSIONALS (I.E. PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PERSONNEL
SUCH AS POLICE AND FIRE OFFICIALS, EMS PERSONNEL SUCH
AS DRIVERS, NURSES, PARAMEDICS AND EMTS, MEDICAL
STUDENTS, AND PHYSICIANS, BOTH GPs AND SPECIALISTS.

IV. EMS TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS

PURPOSE: TO DEVELOP MODELS FOR STANDARD MEDICAL CRITERIA
FOR ALL TYPES OF EMS TRANSPORTATION

OBJECTIVE: TO DEVELOP MODELS FOR CENTRALIZED MEDICAL
CONTROL OF PATIENT TRANSPORT AND COORDINATION OF EMS
TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS

V. POISON CONTROL

PURPOSE: TO ESTABLISH NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL
STANDARDS FOR POISON CONTROL INFORMATION SYSTEMS

OBJECTIVES: TO PROVIDE GENERAL AND SPECIFIC
EPIDEMIOLOGICAL DATA TO PREVENT INCIDENCE OF
POISONING AND PROTOCOLS FOR TOXIC SUBSTANCE IDENTIFICATION
AND PATIENT TREATMENT

METHODOLOGY FOR PROJECTS II, III, IV, V:

-- COLLECTION OF DATA THROUGH SURVEY

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-- WORKING GROUP TO EVALUATE DATA AND DEVELOP RECOMMENDA-
-- TIONS.

3. WE RECOMMEND THAT ABOVE PROPOSAL:

(A) BE CLEARED WITH FRG, BELGIAN, NORWEGIAN, AND
DANISH AUTHORITIES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE;

(B) AFTER CLEARANCE, BE SUBMITTED TO INTERNATIONAL
STAFF FOR CIRCULATION IN AC/274 SERIES FOR CCMS APPROVAL
BY SILENT CONSENT. ONCE APPROVAL IS GIVEN, PROPOSAL
WILL BE FORWARDED TO NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: AS INDICATED IN PARA 3. BENNETT
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